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## VIA U.S. MAIL

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RE: Supplemental Request for Information Directed to Mining Remedial Recovery Company (MRRC). Pursuant to Section 104(e) of CERCLA for the U.S. Smelter and Lead Refining Site, East Chicago, Indiana

Dear Mr. Kaiser:

This letter provides the response of MRRC to EPA's request, dated June 21, 2017, issued pursuant CERCLA Section 104(e) in connection with the above-referenced site (the "Section 104(e) Request"). The certified letter transmitting the Section 104(e) Request was received on behalf of MRRC on June 26, 2017. EPA requested a response within 15 days thereafter, which corresponds to a deadline of July 11, 2017. Accordingly, this response is timely.

The Section 104(e) Request made five requests. The first request stated as follows:

Please state whether MRRC is aware of the existence of the USSRAM Corporate Records Inventory Index Enclosed as Enclosure D.

MRRC is aware of the above referenced Index. However the document has not been viewed in well over ten years as it is not a usable or valid index. Sometime in the latter 1990's the records were moved from the Midvale site to a storage site near Price, Utah. In conjunction with that relocation all records located at Midvale were re-boxed and re-cataloged rendering the Timpanogose



index invalid. That said, the records are likely located here in Redding but it will not be a straightforward task to locate the unique records described in the Timpanogose index.

The second request stated as follows:

Please identify who commissioned the creation of the Corporate Records Inventory Index.

MRRC believes the Corporate Records Inventory Index may have been commissioned by Mr. Gary Barker, President Arava Natural Resources but cannot confirm that as fact as he is deceased.

The third request stated as follows:

Please state whether MRRC is in possession of the USSRAM Corporate Records

Inventory identified by the enclosed index. If MRRC possesses the USSRAM Corporate Records Inventory, please explain how, when, and why it came into MRRC's possession. If MRRC is not in possession of the USSRAM Corporate Records Inventory, please identify who is in possession of the inventory. Further, please explain how, when, and why it was transferred into the possession of that entity. Finally, if MRRC is not in possession of the USSRAM Corporate Records Inventory please provide the contact information of entity currently in possession of the inventory, including the name of the entity's agent, and the agent's mailing address, phone number, and email address.

MRRC is in possession of records formerly stored in Utah. Therefore it is probable the records identified in the Timpanogos Index are in MRRC's possession in Redding. The records were moved to Redding late in 2007 following the sale of substantially all remaining assets in Utah including the record storage facility.

The fourth request stated as follows:

If MRRC is in possession of the USSRAM Corporate Records Inventory please provide copies of the records identified in Enclosure E.

MRRC intends to cooperate and will conduct a reasonable diligent search of our records for items listed in the Timpanogos Index. Because the Timpanogos Index is no longer usable this will take some time. MRRC will begin searching



immediately and will regularly communicate with EPA as to our progress. MRRC will make any requested records that are identified available for EPA's review subject to attorney-client and related privileges.

The fifth request stated as follows:

Identify all persons consulted in the preparation of the answers to this request for information.

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Sincerely yours,

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